

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
December 9 , 2002

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Mayor Sally Beals
Deputy-Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Councilmembers: Paul Gresham
James Singer
Susan Lienesch
Douglas Cline
Roger Krass
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
Assistant Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Gregory Horn
Assistant City Manager Judith Gilleland
Economic Development Administrator Chris Pozzuto
Public Works Director Robert James
Assistant to the City Manager Jesse Lightle

Residents: Madeline Breslin
Gertrude Clemens

City Council interviewed Centerville Arts Commission applicant Judy Davis. Council concurred that Judy Harris-Wright be appointed as a member of the Arts Commission and that the application of Judy Davis be held to be considered again in January, 2003.

Miss Gilleland introduced Randy Corbin, Ohio Consumers' Council, Residential Utility Advocate; Bob Stallman and Amy Wright, Dayton Power & Light Energy; and Larry Friedeman, Vectren Source, to provide City Council with information relative to the aggregation of natural gas and electricity. Mr. Corbin outlined their charge relative to utility deregulation. Discussion followed relative to government aggregation of utilities and the pros and cons of the opt-out and the opt-in programs and how they differ from each other. Cities can become aggregators on behalf of their residents, but first the voters must pass ballot issues granting that authority. Passage of the ballot issues does not necessarily mean that the City must become the aggregator, but the mechanism would be in place if prices begin to rise or decrease. Mr. Horn advised that the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association has recommended that communities in this region place on the election ballot the question of a government opt-out energy aggregation program. Council concurred that the question of opt-out natural gas and electricity aggregation become ballot issues in the City of Centerville. The date of the election has yet to be determined.

Mr. Horn advised that plans have been received and are being reviewed for the construction of the auto body shop for Voss Chevrolet/Voss Dodge on the north side of Loop Road. The plans have been revised; there are a series of changes that need to be made. The plan now includes a second passenger/employee door on the north side of the building. The employee door on the original plan is a 3 foot x 7 foot door, the second door added to the plans is a 4 foot x 7 foot door. Discussion followed relative to the inclusion of this second door and whether or not this door should be added or should the original 3x7 foot door be changed to a 4x7 foot door if this width is needed in order to get parts into the building. Also in question was a period of time in which the plans for the construction of this building must be approved. Council concurred to wait a week for Mr. James to determine if the original employee door can be changed to a 4x7 foot door and the period of time in which the permit must be issued. Mr. Kingseed was not present for this item on the agenda.

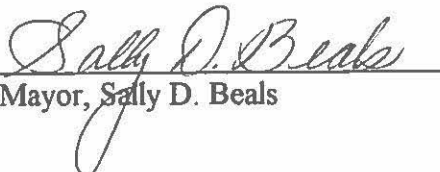
Mr. Pozzuto advised that agents for the sale of properties located at 9-11 and 17 North Main Street have agreed to delay the closings with the City until February 6, 2003. Discussion followed relative to which Council Meeting the legislation authorizing the City Manager to do all things necessary to effect the purchase of said properties should be considered. Mr. Singer expressed concern with legislation being passed prior to residents being informed. Council concurred that news be released and the legislation be placed on the agenda for the December 16, 2002 meeting.

Mr. Cline advised that the South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce has asked member entities for an increase in dues for 2003. The dues for the City of Centerville has been increased from \$2,370.00 in 2002 to \$4,144.00 for 2003. Mr. Cline stressed the fact that additional money is needed in order for the Chamber to remain in existence. Council concurred to support the increase in dues.

Mrs. Lienesch announced that Jenny Roer, Chairman, Centerville-Washington Diversity Council, has requested \$1,000.00 from the City of Centerville. Council concurred with this expenditure.

Mr. Horn advised that the City of Springboro has asked the City of Centerville to lend their support in a fight against the location of a Wal-Mart Superstore at the intersection of State Route 741 and Austin Road. Council concurred that a Resolution of Support be prepared for Council's consideration.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor, Sally D. Beals